

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 have amended appropriately to overcome the informalities pointed out by the Examiner.

The Examiner further pointed out that claims 1-5 were rejected  
5 under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Mihara et al (US  
2003/0189762A1). However, applicant couldn't agree more on this,  
because the second lens group G2 of the present invention is structurally  
different from that of Mihara. As mentioned in claim 1 of the present  
invention, the second lens group having positive glued-lenses and a  
10 negative meniscus lens with a convex surface facing the object side.  
However, Mihar discloses in its claim 1 that "the second lens group  
comprises two lens components, i.e., an object side-lens component and  
an image side-lens component, one of which is composed of a cemented  
lens component consisting of a positive lens element and a negative lens  
15 element and the other consists only of a positive single lens component".  
That is to say that Mihar's second lens group has positive glued-lenses  
and a positive meniscus lens Thereby, Claim 1 is thought to be patentable  
over Mihara.

Claims 2, 4 and 5 are retained as they are dependent upon claim  
20 1 which is thought to allowable.

Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance  
be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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